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been converted into incandescents, and now twice the amount of light was given by the same burners at a slightly less total cost. The alteration has been so satisfactory to the public that it had been decided not to erect any additional arc lamps at present.

Telegraphy and Matrimony.

The English government gives away \$50,000 a year, more or less, to encourage matrimony among the women employees of the telegraph service. Women enter the service at an average age of 16. After six years, when the operator has reached the official marriageable age of 22, she is entitled to an allowance from the state. For each year of service she can draw one month's pay. As her salary is \$25 a month, she can then claim \$150. If she waits until she is 28 she can draw \$400. In practice the average amount paid has been found to be about \$200.—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE PASSION PLAY OF PONTE-GRANDE.

A Performance for Which a Calabrian Village is Famous in Italy.

Every one knows about the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and the Passion Play at Selzach attracts many visitors, but very few tourists have seen one of the Passion Plays of the Calabrian villages in Italy.

Pontegrande is famous in Calabria for its elaborate performance of the Passion Play. In the public square a large platform is built, and, on the day of the performance, the windows balconies, roofs and streets surrounding the square are crowded with spectators. On the platform sit the judges, Pilate, Calaphas and Judas.

Christ advances through a narrow street, in charge of the guards who are bringing him from the Mount of Olives, where he has been betrayed; and, as he stands before his judges, the governor rises and reads the sentence of death. The Jews cry, "Crucify him, crucify him!" and the centurions lead him away.

The crown of thorns is placed upon his head, a heavy cross which he can hardly carry is laid upon his back and he is led across the square to Calvary. On the way a woman, representing Saint Veronica, leaves the crowd and wipes his face with her veil. This role is much coveted by the women of the village and the veils used are always kept as heirlooms.

St. Peter's rage and remorse are violently depicted, and like all the actors St. Peter does not confine himself to the gospel or a written part, but improvises as the play progresses, and the excellence of the improvisation is perhaps the most interesting feature of the play.

When Christ is raised upon the cross between the two thieves the spectators sink upon their knees; and when it is announced that Christ is dead a storm of tears sweeps over the emotional, imaginative crowd and the air is filled with sobbing prayers.

In the evening the sepulcher, covered with flowers and surrounded by angels, is borne through the streets to the music of a dirge and all the people of the village walk behind it, carrying lighted torches.—New York Sun.

THE DROUTH OF 1854.

Not a Drop of Rain After June That
Year—A Missouri Pioneer's Story.
Jefferson City, Mo., Tribune.

The following special from Macon, Mo., tells some interesting incidents of the only drought within half a century that has approached this present one:

"The present drought in Missouri recalls to many pioneers the one that existed in the West and South during the year 1854," said Mr. J. H. Wright, president of the Callao bank to-day. "I was about 19 years old. A large party of us left Missouri for Texas in April. On the 16th or 17th of June, while in camp on Red river, near Preston, a heavy rain fell, which was general throughout the country, but it was the last one that year. Up to that time the weather had been unusually favorable, and there never had been better prospects for crops."

"As the summer went on without rain we began to get discouraged, and most of us decided to return to Missouri. There were seven covered wagons in our caravan. As we slowly drove up through the Indian Territory the scarcity of water became a serious problem. I remember one day we traveled forty miles with only five gallons, the heat and dust were awful and toward the afternoon our thirst became intolerable. At nightfall instead of camping, we resolved to press on to a place where a spring was said to exist. Some of the teamsters were in a gloomy mood and nearly delirious. My heart failed me in thinking what would happen should we not find the spring or if it should be played out. But we such a yell and scramble for it you never saw. Men, women and children fought for places, ad accidents were only averted by the men in charge taking stations between the crowd and the spring, and passing the water out in moderate quantities. They were so thirsty they would have killed themselves had they been allowed unrestricted liberty at the water

**Information Requested for Publication In The
Enterprise Oil and Industrial Edition.**

The Enterprise wants explicit, reliable information regarding the various oil companies operating in the Beaumont field, and to this end has prepared the following blank form. Too much care cannot be exercised in filling in the answers to the questions. For instance, in the queries, as to leases and acreage, the details should be given; that is, the location of each tract. These replies are intended for publication in the Enterprise Oil and Industrial Edition, and will answer in detail the hundreds of letters this newspaper is receiving each month from northern investors.

No legitimate oil proposition will object to giving the information sought, and the Enterprise asks those companies not having received the blank form, to cut this from the paper, fill it up, and send to this office. The form is as follows:

Secretary

Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sir: We are preparing for early publication an edition of the Enterprise, which will be largely devoted to the discovery of petroleum in this field and the development which has followed. This edition, which will be in newspaper form, will be handsomely illustrated, and in addition will contain an especially prepared map of the gusher territory, with all producing wells, all wells drilling, and all rigs up, on July 15th. Every care will be taken to eliminate erroneous statements, and we therefore ask that you will furnish us soon as possible the following data regarding your company:

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"All along our route was the dreary picture of the drought field of stubble, leafless trees and dust white roads. There were no birds singing in the trees and very little sign of animal life anywhere. There was no relieving spectacle anywhere along the whole 700 miles of our homeward journey, which showed the absence of rainfall had been general.

"We reached Missouri about the middle of August and found vegetation on every farm burned up. The corn that looked so promising in the early summer was cut for fodder, and that is all that saved the stock. There were no railroads, and it was impossible to get anything in the way of cereals. Cornmeal cost \$1.50 a bushel when brought in from Glasgow or Hannibal. We lived on bacon, corn bread, coffee and molasses purchased at those places. Farmers moved their stock over to the Chariton river, which ran until late in the fall. The stock too far back in the country to reach the river perished. There was nothing to be done on the farm, and people just sat around and looked at the sky.

Some of the emigrants who had taken up large tracts of land abandoned it and returned East, under the impression that a drought was a regular thing in Missouri.

"Toward the latter part of the summer a great meeting was held at Antioch church and three ministers, who had come a long way for the purpose, prayed for rain. It was on this occasion that Uncle Jumps Dysart made use of the expression which has since become famous. He said: 'Brothers, I tell you there ain't a bit of use praying for rain, because the wind is in the wrong direction.'

"I guess he was right, for the rain never came. At last winter set in and it was hoped early snowfalls would furnish water, and one right good storm came up. But the snow was dry and it blew away with the dust without even dampening the ground.

"The dust on the pikes were frightful on a windy day. You could hardly see a vehicle just ahead of you. The old Glasgow stage coach would roll into Calton with everything about it—passenger, driver, harness, harness and all—nearly

as white as snow. Sometimes travelers' throats would become so badly choked that they couldn't talk until they took a drink of water. I guess in those days most of us ate our allotted 'peck of dirt' or more.

"The spring of 1855 was seasonable and crops sprang from the ground with reeved vigor. I can keenly remember our first meal with home-grown vegetables on the table, and I've never tasted anything since that was quite so good."

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